(c) the amount spent for each purpose like the construction and training purpose for SC/ST people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRAT1K PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No separate allocation is made for the construction and training purpose for SC/ST people in the budget of the Commonwealth Games.

Sports Federations in Rajasthan

†1669. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that almost all of the Sports Federations presently functioning in Rajasthan are entangled in the disputes and the same are pending in the courts and the Government administrators have been appointed in these federations;

(b) whether Government has no such policy through which it could have direct control over these federations and the sports could be saved from running; and

(c) whether the Ministry has any such scheme under which the rein of these sports federations could be handed over to retired senior players?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRAT1K PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) Sports is a state subject and as such state sports federations do not come within the purview of the Central government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Queens Baton Relay

1670. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not including the Delhi Mayor in the delegation that has gone to London to received the Queen's Baton Relay for the Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) whether it is not a fact that the Games are always allotted to the cities and therefor the non-inclusion of Mayor of host city smacked of politicisation of the event;

(c) the reasons of not inviting the Mayor to the historical event whereas the Members of Organisation Committee and Government officials were present at the function; and

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(d) the details of the expenditure on the travelling of the invitees from India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government of India, Government of Delhi, Commonwealth Games Federation, Indian Olympic Association and the Organising Committee are the signatories to the Host City contract by which the XIX Commonwealth Games were allotted to Delhi. Invitations were extended to representatives of these organizations. Representatives of these organizations and those responsible for conduct and delivery of the Queens Baton Relay (QBR) and persons concerned with sports, irrespective of their party affiliations participated in the ceremony.

(d) The cost of travel of the participants was borne by their various organizations. In case of sportspersons and representatives of IOA, OC, Air India provided free air travel under value in kind scheme.

Committee to oversee preparation of Commonwealth Games

1671. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has set up any Committee to oversee the financial matters related to progress of the Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the budget released by the Centre for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRAT1K PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) a (b) The Government has constituted a Financial Sub-Committee with Government nominees of the Executive Board of the Organizing Committee (OC) comprising Secretary (Urban Development), Secretary (Sports), Additional Secretary/Special Secretary (Expenditure) of the Ministry of Finance and Chief Executive Officer, OC as Member-Convenor. The Committee will scrutinize in particular, all the financial proposals that are to be placed before the Executive Board of the OC for approval.

(c) No separate budget has been sanctioned/released by the Government for the purpose.

Dissatisfaction expressed by President, Commonwealth Games Federation

†1672. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mike Fennel, the President of Commonwealth Games Federation has expressed dissatisfaction with the preparations of Organising Committee;

(b) if so, the issues on which there is dissatisfaction and disagreement;

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